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Applicant: HIDEHIRO IIUZUKA ET AL.

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Title: EXHAUST GAS CLEANING METHOD, EXHAUST GAS
CLEANING CATALYST AND EXHAUST GAS CLEANING
DEVICE FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 31, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 3, 2002, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, (Claims 1-6), without prejudice to their right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter of the remaining claims.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381NP/48511).

Respectfully submitted,



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